

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2005, which Office Action was a requirement for Election between the six groups of Species listed on page 2 of the Office Action.

In response to this Election Requirement, the applicants hereby elect Group II, directed to Figs. 3-6 and 8A-9. By the present amendment, the claims have been amended so that claims 1 and 2 are now generic claims, as will be discussed below. With regard to the Election, it is noted that claims 3-7 and the new claims 15-22 all read on the elected embodiment of Group II, again noting that claims 1 and 2 are generic.

More specifically, claims 3 and 4 have now been amended to depend from claim 1, rather than being independent claims themselves. Therefore, each of claims 3 and 4, as well as their dependent claims 15 and 16, define the slit (such as shown in Figs. 3-6, 8A and 9, for example) as well as including all of the limitations of claim 1. The support for this combination of features is found in the Specification on page 26, lines 16 *et seq.* which describes how the first and second conductors 14A and 18A of one of the slit embodiments can be joined together to form an antenna. Thus, claim 1, defining the joining of the first and second conductors to form an antenna, is generic to the elected Species.

Similarly, new dependent claims 17-22 define the same features as dependent claims 3-7, except for dependence on claim 2 rather than claim 1. As such, these claims 17-22 all include the limitation that the potential of the electrode

coupled to the rear surface is the same as that of the chip. This combination of the electric potential and the slits is discussed, for example, in paragraphs 2 through 7 of the Summary of the Invention. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 2 is generic to the elected embodiment.

In light of this amendment, examination of claims 1-7 and new claims 15-22 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are any other points which may be clarified or otherwise disposed of either by telephone discussion or by personal interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No. 843.42897X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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